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**REMARKS**

Claims 23-52 are presently pending in the case. Claims 25 and 27 have been withdrawn. reconsideration of the present case is requested.

**Election/Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner required Applicant's election of one of the following identified species:

- I. Figure 1
- II. Figure 3
- III. Figure 6
- IV. Figure 7

In response to the requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the species shown in Figures 6A and 6B. Claims 23, 24, 26, and 28-52 read on the elected species. Claims 25 and 27 have been withdrawn from consideration until such time as there is an indication of an allowable generic claim.


**Conclusion**

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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